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Pete Brownell



Dear Mr. Brownell:

In February of this year, as the ranking member of the Senate Finance Committee, I began probing allegations of ties between the National Rifle Association (NRA) and Russian nationals related to efforts to influence the 2016 presidential campaign. The NRA provided responses to three separate letters of inquiry from me concerning the NRA's financial ties to Russia and Russian nationals. On July 26, 2018, Senators Blumenthal, Whitehouse, Warren and I sent requests for additional information to individuals, including yourself, who participated in the NRA's December 2015 delegation to Moscow. In connection with those inquiries, I sent a further request for information to the NRA on August 13, 2018 related to its ties to Russia.

My Finance Committee staff is preparing a report based on the information and documents gathered from these inquiries. I believe that you have information in your capacity as a former vice president and president of the NRA, and as a member of the organization's 2015 delegation to Moscow, that would assist my staff's analysis. Consequently, I am writing to request that you contact my Committee staff to schedule an interview in person or by phone in January 2019.

I appreciate your prompt attention to this matter and ask that you reach out to my staff at 202-224-4515 as soon as possible, but no later than December 19, 2018, to schedule this interview.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'RWyden', written over the printed name and title.

Ron Wyden
Ranking Member